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Johnson Delivers New Funding for New Britain

***Broad/Washington Street Improvement
More New Britain-Hartford Busway Funding
Improving Health Care at NBGH
Job Training for New Britain Residents***

NEW BRITAIN, CT – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson today announced significant funding to improve New Britain’s neighborhoods and strengthen transportation, job training, and health care in the city.

“This funding is tremendous news for New Britain,” Johnson said. “I pushed hard for these projects because improving our neighborhoods, enhancing health care and job training opportunities, and strengthening transportation are top priorities on my agenda. This is a real victory for better health care, jobs, and transportation in New Britain.”

The following projects for New Britain were approved today in the final spending bill of the 108th Congress. Pending Senate approval the bill, the President will sign it into law soon.

NEW BRITAIN – \$2 million for reconstruction of Broad and Washington streets

The project consists of surface road improvements, replacement of sanitary sewer and water lines, upgrade of the drainage system and installation of new sidewalks and curbing in a vital commercial and cultural district.

NEW BRITAIN – \$4 million for the New Britain-Hartford Busway

The nine-mile Busway, a two-lane exclusive bus roadway, will be the first in the state of Connecticut. There will be up to 12 stops along the route, which will run through New Britain, Newington, West Hartford and Hartford. This new funding adds to over \$20 million in federal grants Johnson has secured in previous years’ spending bills.

NEW BRITAIN – \$300,000 to implement an Emergency Department Information System at New Britain General Hospital

This project provides emergency room physicians with access to medical records of prior outpatient visits, consultation notes, lab results, radiology results and operative notes. NBGH would share emergency department records with private and community physicians ensuring that patients get the best follow up and continuing care.

More efficient management of information is the key to running a productive and efficient emergency department. Often times, prior medical testing and history are unavailable in emergency room settings. As a result, patients are frequently subjected to redundant testing, which results in significantly higher health care costs. Access to these records also supplies physicians with the information needed to make timely and accurate decisions.

NEW BRITAIN – \$100,000 for the development of a vocational training program

This vocational training program combined with educational supports in New Britain will assist out-of-school youth to obtain their high school diploma or GED and obtain employability skills to guide youth to viable careers. Comprehensive Entrepreneurial Training System (CETS), would develop entrepreneurial programs to provide customer service training, internships, job placement and case management support for up to 150 out-of-school youth ages 14 to 24.

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